



FLY SAFE CAMPAIGN

MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS
DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC!



AgAviation.org/flysafe

August 3, 2026

22 Ag Accidents reported by NTSB this year
2 Fatalities

AVOIDING MID-AIR COLLISIONS WITH DRONES

This season an ag aviator narrowly avoided a collision with a drone spraying in the same field. The grower had split a field in half to compare the two platforms. The drone operator saw the airplane circle and then enter the field but did not cease the drone flight. The pilot finally saw the drone coming head on and pulled up to avoid the collision. In a follow up discussion it was revealed the drone operator thought they had the right-of-way because they started spraying first.

Ag aircraft pilots and drone operators should all be aware of and heed the policy approved by the NAAA board of directors:

- Drones must always give the right-of-way to manned aircraft. This should already be SOP because it's also the law.
- Manned aircraft should orbit the field twice before entering; this provides time to scout the field for obstacles and gives opportunity for drone operators to notice the manned aircraft.

While it's almost impossible for an ag pilot to see a drone while flying, there are signs to look for, such as trucks with raised platforms near a field edge. Ask your customers if they've hired a drone to spray near your work area. If you have an unsafe encounter with a drone, please follow [NAAA's drone encounter checklist](#). It's working – [NASA previously sent a letter to FAA](#) informing them of the safety concern.

Check TFRs

Always check Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) NOTAMs before flying! Make sure you have proof of a preflight TFR briefing from sources such as FSS or <https://www.1800wxbrief.com>

Don't Forget to Communicate

Communicate with other ag aircraft using 122.925 MHz – limit your transmissions to announcing who you are, where you are, and what you plan to do.

Make a *Fly Safe* Resolution Today!